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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1190

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Ballots and Voting Systems.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Richardson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: *School Board Offices*- The bill provides that school board offices must be placed on the ballot under a nonpartisan title. (Under current law, school board offices must be placed under a separate column on the ballot.)

Sample Ballots- The bill removes the requirement that a sample ballot must be a exact copy of the official ballot and requires a sample ballot to be alter so that marks on the sample ballot cannot be counted as votes.

Unique Candidate Identifier- The bill provides that a voting system may display a ballot number or other designation that uniquely identifies the candidates. (Under current law, voting systems are required to display such a unique number or designation.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Sample Ballots*- Although current law requires the Election Division (ED) to print sample ballots, the ED has not printed sample ballots for counties since the 2004 election, which was just prior to the phase out of the last few remaining lever machine systems. Therefore, this provision would not impact the Election Division.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *School Board Offices*- In counties with optical scan voting systems, this provision could reduce printing expenditures if separate columns did not have to be maintained. Ballot cards cost about \$0.32 per card.

Sample Ballots- The provision would allow county election boards to alter sample ballots, which would likely involve the border's timing and code markings. With the changes, an optical scanner would not be able to vote the sample ballot in error. This should not have any fiscal impact.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

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